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The Honorable Rich Gordon
California State Assembly
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **AB 1288** (Gordon) - As amended on 07/13/11 - **SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblyman Gordon:

The County of San Bernardino Board is pleased to support AB 1288, which authorizes a public guardian or conservator, if he/she intends to apply for appointment as the guardian or conservator of a person, to restrain any person from transferring, encumbering, or disposing of any real or personal property of the person held in a trust. Additionally, AB 1288 would increase the time in which the public guardian or conservator can restrain an individual's property.

The 15-day period in the probate code is often too short to complete the required actions. Increasing the timeframe would be beneficial due to the limited resources being felt both in the judicial system and at the local government level. In addition, this bill would make it easier to obtain control of an elder's trust assets if the public guardian believes the assets are subject to injury, loss, or misappropriation. Public guardians could use these expanded provisions to prevent injury to either the elder or the elder's property.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino is in support of AB 1288. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, the County's Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821.

Sincerely,

JOSIE GONZALES, Chair
Board of Supervisors